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IN THE
UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**IN RE
APPLICATION OF:**

Maxwell et al.

CASE: 57640.010273

EXTENSION OF TIME

SERIAL NO: 10/709,378

FILED ON: 04/30/2004

FOR: SEAL CARTRIDGE FOR AN
INDUSTRIAL SLIDING
BLADE DAMPER

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Dear Sir:

ATTENTION OF:
Group Art Unit 3751
Examiner: Rost, Andrew J.

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 502428.

Applicant requests an extension of time for response to the Office Action, mailed September 27, 2005, in the above-identified patent application, for three months, from December 27, 2005 up to and including March 27, 2006.

Applicant submits that a shortened statutory period of three months, ending December 27, 2005, was originally set for response. This application is not involved in an interference proceeding.

The three month large entity extension of time fee of \$1020.00 is enclosed.

Acceptance of the presently requested three-month extension of time is respectfully solicited.

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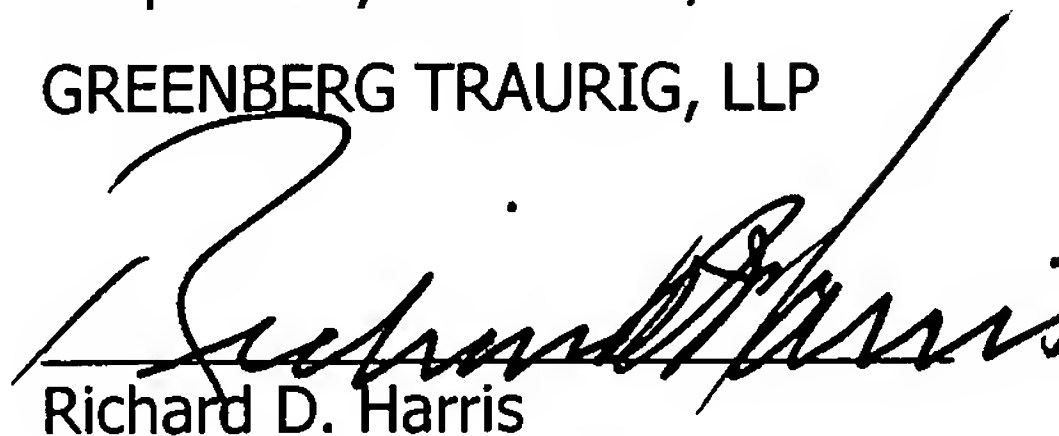
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Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned, at (312) 456-8400, is respectfully invited.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: March 27, 2006

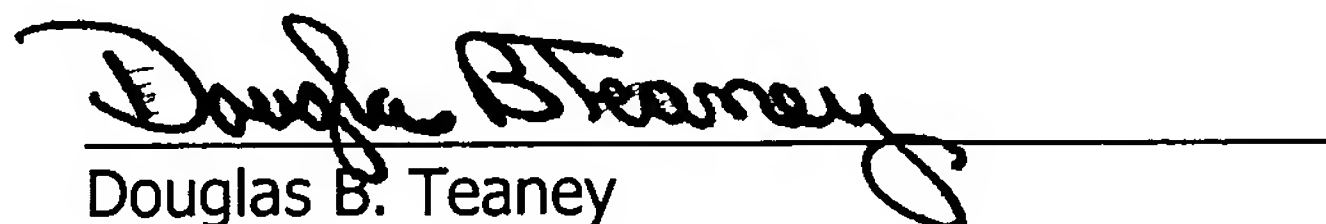


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